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NATIONAL PARK'S PROPOSED PLANS FOR NEW TRAIL **AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

Stillwater, NY: The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to make fully accessible (compliant with the American with Disabilities Act) a trail within the Victory Woods unit of Saratoga National Historical Park, located in Village of Victory, NY. Copies of the Environmental Assessment for this project are available for review at the Village of Victory offices, Schuylerville Public Library, or Saratoga National Historical Park Superintendent's office by calling 664.9821 ext. 215. The public review period ends July 18, 2008. The public is invited to direct concerns or comments regarding this project to Chris Martin at 664-9821 ext. 215, or by sending an email to chris_martin@nps.gov, or by writing him at Saratoga National Historical Park, 648 Rt. 32, Stillwater, NY 12170.

Victory Woods is a twenty-two acre parcel of land located in the Village of Victory, southeast of the Saratoga Monument. The site was occupied by the British during the Battles of Saratoga and is unique in that over the intervening two hundred and thirty years there has been very little disturbance to the site. The earthworks erected by British troops remain visible to this day.

The proposed project in part would develop a new universally accessible 1/3 mile long trail through the woods which would bring park visitors into close proximity to British defensive positions which were occupied by beleaguered troops in the closing days of Burgoyne's ill-fated Saratoga Campaign of 1777. The plan also calls for the thinning of portions of the woods to allow for views across Fish Creek to the positions occupied by the surrounding American forces. Plans include a fully accessible elevated boardwalk, interpretive signage, and site linkage to other historic properties within the greater Old Saratoga area.

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